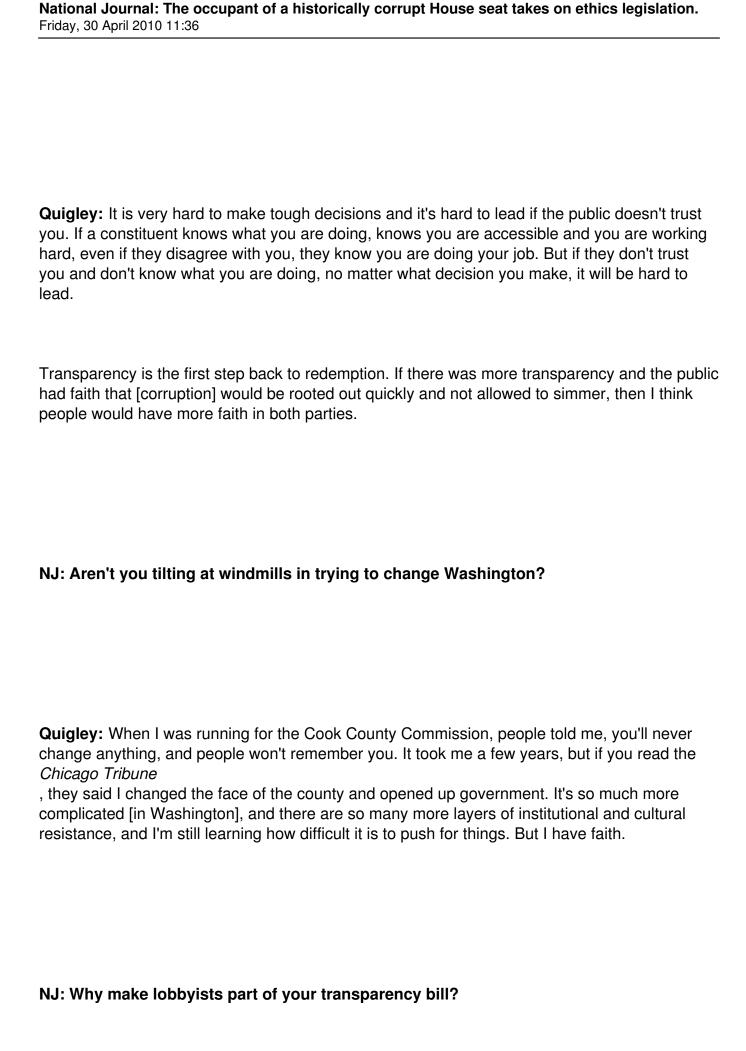
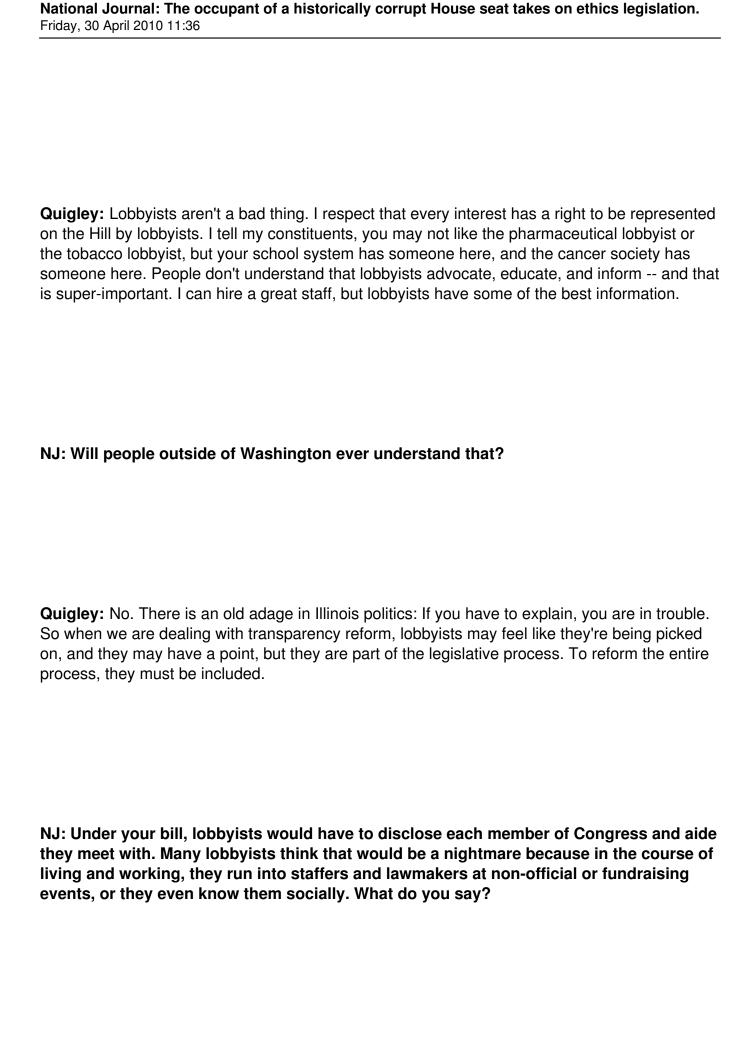


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Quigley: I don't think anything that we are proposing impairs lobbyists' ability to do their work. They should embrace this. If the perception [of the profession] is negative and I will say they are right that some of that perception isn't fair and that the public doesn't understand the role that lobbyists play if I'm a lobbyist, I wouldn't call this [measure] insane. I'd embrace this and say, "What we do is important and just to tell you that there is nothing wrong, we are going to open it up [to the public] until you believe that."
NJ: Instead of putting the burden on lobbyists, why not make lawmakers post the names of everyone they meet with in an official capacity?
Quigley: What you are getting at is what I'd like to think the Transparency Caucus will do. We'll have discussions like this about what we should do. We have a forum to create an atmosphere of bipartisan culture, because if there is one issue that is bipartisan, it had better be ethics, transparency, and accountability.
NJ: Many people think that fixing the campaign finance system is more important than reforming Congress through the legislative process. What do you think?

Quigley: I agree. You pick your issues where you can. We will get to [that].

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NJ: How have your colleagues received your proposal?
Quigley: The number of folks interested in this is disappointingly low. I just don't understand, from a pure political point of view, even if your heart isn't in it, [why] you wouldn't be all over it. I think one of the reasons people stay away from ethics issues is that they don't want to appear sanctimonious. From a leadership point of view, the resistance is that if you embrace reform, it's seen as an indication that something is wrong, so that puts reform at a disadvantage.
NJ: Do you have any co-sponsors on your bill?
Quigley: We just sent out our "Dear Colleague" [letter], and we don't have a reaction yet.
NJ: The administration has given a lot of attention to lobbying reform. Are you working with the White House on this?

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Quigley: Yes. I'm o	uels]. We went t	o the White H	ouse and aske	ed for their help	on the
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